HIS MAIESTIES
LETTER TO THE MAJOR, ALDERMEN, Sheriffes, and the reſt of the Common-Councell of *the Citty of* BRISTOLL.

TRuſty and Welbeloved We greet you well. Whereas We are informed that by the power and Authority of certain Factious and Rebellious Perſons in that Our Citty of *Briſtoll*, diverſe of Our good Subjects (as namely *Robert Yeomans*, *George Bourchier*, *William Yeomans*, *Edward Dacers* and others) of that Our Citty are impriſoned for preſerving their Duty and Loyalty to Us, and for refuſing to joyne in, or aſſiſt this horrid and odious Rebellion againſt Us, and that the ſaid wicked and traiterous Perſons, have preſumed to condemne the ſaid innocent Men to dye, and upon ſuch their ſentence notoriouſly againſt the Lawes of God and Man, they intend to execute and murther Our ſaid Subjects; We have thought fit to ſignify to you the Major, Aldermen, Sheriffes, and the reſt of the body of the Councell of that Our Citty, that if you ſuffer this horrid and execrable murther to be committed upon the Perſons aforeſaid, and thereby call the juſt judgement of God, and bring perpetuall infamy upon that Our Citty, We ſhall look upon it as the moſt barbarous and inhumane Act that hath been yet committed againſt Us, and upon you as the moſt deſperate betrayers of Us, and of the Lives and Liberties of your fellow Subjects, And We doe therefore will and Command you, not to ſuffer any violence to be done upon the Perſons aforeſaid, but that if any ſuch be attempted againſt them, that you rayſe all the power and ſtrength of that Our Citty for their reſcue, and to that purpoſe We command all Our good Subjects of that Our Citty to ayde and aſsiſt you upon their Allegiance, and as they hope for any Grace and Favour at Our hands, And that you and they Kill and Slay all ſuch who ſhall attempt or endeavour to take away the lives of Our ſaid Subjects, And for ſo doing this ſhall be your warrant. And hereof you may not faile at your utmoſt Perill. *Given at Our Court at* Oxford *the* 29. *day of May.* 1643.